

WATER-BASED CLEANING

Abstract

A method of cleaning a surface, comprising applying de-gassed water (containing no more than 1 ppm gas) to the surface to disperse or dissolve dirt on the surface in the water. The method may also comprise dissolving hydrophobic dirt on the surface using a non-aqueous solvent, and dispersing the non-aqueous solvent and dissolved hydrophobic dirt in the de-gassed water. The non-aqueous solvent may itself contain low levels of dissolved gas, for example no more than 10 ppm. Apparatus for cleaning a surface is also disclosed.